स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द) : (क) से (ङ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Centres covered under Malaria Scheme Operation

1135. SHRI SARADAMOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the centres that have been covered under Malaria scheme operation, country-wise, district-wise, village-wise,

(b) whether any policy has been prepared by the Central Government in this regard to operate the centres in the particular area;

(c) whether Government propose to issue the permission to operate the scheme by the private organisations in the different centres of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARA-NAND): (a) and (b) The National Malaria Eradication Programme is being implemented all over the country through the Primary Health Care infrastructure.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Preventive, promotive and curative anti-malaria activities are best carried out through the public health infrastructure.

Health Care Services for children

1136. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that only 12 percent of rural children and 29 per cent of urban children have access to health care services;

(b) whether 60 per cent of Indian Children are malnourished and over three million children under the age of five die every year: the majority of them from diarrhoea; and

(c) if so, what steps Government intend to take or have taken to ensure the availability of health care services to the children of the country and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARA-NAND): (a) No, Sir. A net-work of 131118 sub-centres, 20738 Primary Health Centres and 2128 Community Health Centres in the rural areas in addition to hospitals, dispensaries and other health facilities in the urban areas have been established to provide health care. Regular outreach services under the Maternal and Child Health Programmes is also provided.

(b) As per the surveys conducted by National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau in eight States, 43.8 percent of children (1-5 years) suffer from moderate malnutrition and 87% from severe malnutrition. Based on the Child Mortality rates (Deaths among Children under the age of 5 years) published by the Registrar General of India (RGI) for 1990, it is estimated that 2.8 million children out of the total population of approximately 106 million die every year. The estimates based on the survey of Causes of Deaths (Rural)—1990 published by RGI show that diarrhoea (Gastro-enteritis, cholera and dysentery) accounts for approximately 9.5 per cent of all deaths among children under 5 years of age in rural areas.

(c) Programmes like Immunisation. Oral Rehydration, Therapy,' Pneumonia control (ARI Programme) along with prophylaxis against anaemia and vitamin 'A' deficiency are under implementation as part of the Maternal and Child Health Programme. These are being intensified under the Child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programme in a phased manner. Besides these, the Iodine Deficiency Control Programme and Supplementary Nutrition Programmes such as Integrated Child Development Services, Special Nutrition Programme, Balwadi Nutrition Programme and Mid-day Meal Programme are also being implemented.

Deaths due to Malaria in the Country

1137. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Malaria related deaths have almost doubled during the year 1991 as per report of the National Malaria Eradication programme;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof:

(c) whether the steps contemplated by